

General Assembly

## Raised Bill No. 6327

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LCO No. 1561



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by: (PD)

## AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT OF PRIVATE DETECTIVES BY MUNICIPALITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Section 7-283 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):
- 3 (a) No [municipal corporation] municipality shall employ private detectives in the investigation or detection of crime at an expense of 4 5 more than [five hundred] two thousand dollars unless (1) a specific appropriation therefor has been made, [nor unless] (2) the authorities 6 [thereof] of such municipality have first applied to the [state police] Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services 8 9 and Public Protection for assistance in such investigation and waited a 10 reasonable time for said [state police to act] division to act, and (3) the 11 authorities of such municipality have given written notice of the hiring 12 of such private detectives not less than seven business days prior to 13 such hiring to (A) the police chief of the municipality, if applicable, (B) 14 the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency 15 Services and Public Protection, and (C) the state's attorney for the

16 judicial district in which the municipality is located.

(b) Any municipal official who violates any provision of subsection
(a) of this section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars and
shall be liable to such municipality in a civil action for the amount
expended in excess of such sum as has been appropriated for such
investigation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2013	7-283

**PD** Joint Favorable